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**TO:** All Approved Insurance Providers  
All Risk Management Agency Field Offices  
All Other Interested Parties

**FROM:** Heather Manzano /s/ *Heather Manzano* 7/31/2017  
Acting Administrator

**SUBJECT:** Conversion of the Cultivated Clam Pilot Program to Permanent Status

**BACKGROUND:**

The Cultivated Clam Crop Insurance Program has been piloted to determine its acceptance by producers as an effective and affordable risk management tool and to assure the program is actuarially sound. The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation Board of Directors (Board) previously granted approval for the conversion of this program from pilot to permanent status based on the favorable pilot program experience.

In accordance with procedures found in the document titled Risk Management Agency Permanent and Pilot Designations at [www.rma.usda.gov/policies/2017policy.html](http://www.rma.usda.gov/policies/2017policy.html), notification establishing the program as permanent will be published on the Risk Management Agency (RMA) website and provided to the Farm Service Agency (FSA), including the effective crop year of permanent status.

The FSA uses the RMA designation of pilot or permanent program in their consideration of Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) availability. NAP availability is not impacted until the subsequent year if the RMA notification of conversion to permanent status is issued less than 90 days before the next NAP application date. NAP availability will solely be determined by the FSA.

**ACTION:**

The cultivated clam policy was determined by the Board to be permanent after the pilot testing was complete. This program is now being converted to permanent program status for the crop year listed below:

Crop Code	FCIC Crop Name	Product Contract Change Date (CCD)	Sales Closing Date
0116	Cultivated Clams	08/31/2017 (2018 Crop Year)	11/30

**DISPOSAL DATE:**

December 31, 2020